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Subject:

2012 Fish Sampling in the Kalamazoo River from Morrow Lake to Lake Allegan

Dear Mr. Saric:

This letter is to inform you that ARCADIS plans to collect fish from up to four locations in the Kalamazoo River between Morrow Lake and Lake Allegan, inclusive, in accordance with an MDNR-approved Scientific Collector's Permit, dated September 6, 2012. The purpose of the collection effort is to update characterization of PCB levels in edible tissues of sport fish species and in whole-body tissues of yearling/juvenile fish. We plan to collect the following:

- Up to 11 fish each of adult smallmouth bass and common carp from ABSA 2 (Morrow Lake),
- Up to 11 fish each of adult sunfish, panfish, and catfish from ABSA 4 (Near D Avenue),
- Up to 11 fish each of adult sunfish, panfish, and catfish from ABSA 6 (upstream of Otsego City Dam),
- Up to 11 fish each of adult sunfish, panfish, catfish, and 7 composite yearling/juvenile smallmouth bass, sunfish, and yellow perch from ABSA 9 (Lake Allegan).

In total, up to 121 adult fish and up to 105 yearling/juvenile fish (21 whole-body composite samples) are proposed for collection. Final collection numbers would be subject to fish availability.

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Fish collection is currently scheduled to begin November 5, 2012 and is anticipated to take approximately one week to complete. Fish are anticipated to be collected using a boat-mounted electrofishing unit as the primary sampling method, or alternatively, by netting or hook-and-line. Samples would be submitted to an analytical laboratory for chemical analysis of PCB Aroclors and percent lipids in individual edible fillets (adult fish) and whole-body composite samples.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

ARCADIS

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Erickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Michael J. Erickson
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